



6 January 2017

Information Circular No.10 Rev.1¹

Subject: **Official Holidays for 2017 at the United Nations Office at Geneva**

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [52/214 A](#) and decision 52/468, the official holidays for 2017 at the United Nations Office at Geneva have been designated as follows:

2 January	New Year's Day	Monday (observed)
14 April	Good Friday	Friday
17 April	Easter Monday	Monday
25 May	Ascension Day	Thursday
5 June	Whit Monday	Monday
26 June	Eid Al-Fitr	Monday
1 August	Swiss National Day	Tuesday
1 September	Eid al-Adha	Friday
25 December	Christmas Day	Monday

2. The General Assembly, in its resolution [69/250](#), recognized the significance of a number of other holidays. Accordingly, in the interest of respecting the diversity of the staff of the United Nations, staff members are given the option of observing one floating holiday of their choice, which should be chosen from the list below:

6 January	Orthodox Christmas (observed)	Friday
10 May	Day of Vesak	Wednesday
7 September	Jeûne genevois	Thursday
29 September	Yom Kippur (observed)	Friday
19 October	Diwali	Thursday
3 November	Gurpurab (observed)	Friday

¹ This cancels and replaces circular ST/IC/Geneva/2016/10 of 5 December 2016 and expires on 31 December 2017

3. For planning and technical reasons, staff members should inform their supervisors before 31 January 2017 of the floating holiday they wish to observe. Managers are to respect the floating holiday chosen by the staff member. If, owing to exigencies of service, a staff member in the General Service and related categories is required to report for work on the date chosen as the floating holiday, the staff member will be recorded as having taken the floating holiday and compensated for overtime worked on an official holiday. Staff in the Professional and higher categories who are required to work on the date chosen as the floating holiday may choose to observe another day as a floating holiday.
4. Information relating to the process of recording the floating holiday in Umoja will be communicated separately.

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